

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 and 19-25 and add new claim 26, as shown below. A complete listing of the claims, including their current status, is provided below:

1-14 (cancelled)

15. (Original) A method for inhibiting an immune reaction, said method comprising administering a peptide which selectively binds hyaluronic acid.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the immune reaction is cutaneous.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the peptide inhibits leukocyte infiltration.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the peptide is comprised of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, and conservation substitutions thereof.

19-25 (cancelled)

26. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein said method comprises administering:
a carrier material; and
a peptide the amino acid sequence of:

i) Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof;

ii) Gly-Ala-Ala-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof;

iii) Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Ala-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof; or

iv) Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Ala or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof

to a subject with an immune reaction.